

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MATSUHISA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1637
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Attorney Docket No.: 5426FP-1) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
For: METHOD OF DETECTING) STATEMENT
NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION)
THEREOF) ***Submitted Via Electronic Filing***

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b), but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a final Office Action, Quayle Action, or a Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed foreign patent literature documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed

documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

The required fee of \$180.00 is submitted herewith via EFS-Web. In the event that additional fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Respectfully submitted,

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